" A Relation of the taking of the City of Gaeta " by the Forces of his Imperial Majeſty command- " ed by his Excellency General Count Taun; " which was done by Aſſault on Friday the 30th " of September 1707, being the Eve of the " Birthday of his Catholick Majeſty Charles III. " *Tranſlated from the Original printed at Naples.*

Naples, October 2.

'GEneral Count Thaun having ſome 'Days paſt receiv'd Advice from 'General Baron Wetzel Commandant at the Siege of Gaeta, that 'the Imperial Batteries firing inceſſantly Day and Night on the 2 outermoſt Fortifications of the Place, had made a Breach practicable for an Aſſault, went poſt from hence thither the 26th of September, accompanied by General Vaubonne and ſeveral other Officers. In the mean time, all Men here were under the greateſt daily Expectation and Impatience to learn what would be the Iſſue of that Siege after the Departure of General Thaun: When to our joyful Surprize, the Night of the 30th an Adjutant of the ſaid General arriv'd from Gaeta, who brought his Excellency the Viceroy a ſhort Account of the taking of that Place by Storm: The Publick having their Curioſity rais'd by this firſt News, and being deſirous to have all the Particulars, receiv'd intire Satisfaction on Saturday the 1ſt of October by the Arrival of the Marquis de Rofrano, Maſter General of the Poſts of Italy, and of Don Gaetano Capece, in 2 Caleſhes, with ſeveral Gentlemen on Horſeback; who all entred the City as in Triumph, at a Time moſt ſeaſonable to augment the general Joy, occaſion'd by the Celebration of the Birthday of our King Charles III; for they happen'd to come through the Street of S. Lawrence, juſt when the Nobility in a Body were going in a great Train of Coaches to congratulate the Viceroy on Occaſion of the Day, and gave them double Cauſe of rejoycing by acquainting them with the following Particulars of the Succeſs of the Imperial Arms at Gaeta.

'General Count Thaun finding at his Arrival that the Breach beforemention'd was not ſufficient, caus'd the Batteries to fire on to enlarge it: Which done, being unwilling to defer the Execution of his glorious Deſign any longer, with a noble Impatience he gave the neceſſary Orders for a general Aſſault, and made a proper Diſpoſition of the Imperial Troops; directing that the Horſe ſhould diſmount and aſſiſt the Foot, putting them in Mind of the Glory of their Country, which fir'd both with a generous Emulation, and ſtrictly charging them to do no Harm to any of the Inhabitants and to preſerve the Churches.

'The ſaid General Count Thaun had caus'd a new Battery of Culverins to be rais'd, over againſt St. Auguſtino, and to be pointed at the Land-Gate of the City; (which Battery was deſignedly finiſh'd before the Garriſon ſhould perceive it,) and commanded that the Troops ſhould put themſelves in Motion to ſtorm at the Signal of the burſting of a Bomb: That Battery having done incredible Damage, our Troops made a Feinte of aſſaulting the Intrenchments before the ſaid Gate, and mov'd up as if determin'd to attempt to force them by Scalado; but then retiring as if driven back by the Enemy's Fire, they left 1000 Men to face thoſe Intrenchments, and all the reſt immediately haſten'd to the Breach.

'It was about 2 in the Afternoon, when the Imperial Troops began to advance at once in excellent Order towards the Breach, the Direction of the Attack being committed to General Baron Wetſel. The Grenadiers march'd foremoſt, follow'd by Collonel Thaun with 500 Foot, ſupported by the ſaid General with all the reſt of the Infantry: and while they were mounting the Breach, the Beſieged were kept in Alarm in their other Works 'by the foreſaid Men making a Shew of being very buſie with their Scaling-Ladders. Though the Breach was very difficult to aſcend, yet in a Moment it was wholly cover'd with the Imperialiſts; and notwithſtanding the obſtinate Reſiſtance of the Beſieged who defended themſelves with admirable Valour, they lodg'd themſelves on the top of the Wall: Juſt behind which they found a ſtrong Intrenchment fortify'd with a Ditch and Paliſadoes, and defended by all the Muſketry of the Garriſon. Our Men firſt gave them ſome Volleys of Shot, and then with undaunted Reſolution Sword in Hand leap'd down into the Ditch to attack the Enemy; who terrify'd at ſo daring and unexpected an Action, retir'd, yet without falling into Diſorder, rally'd and fir'd frequently, till they were driven to the very Midſt of the City, where General Vaubonne was wounded with a Muſquet-ball. The Imperialiſts having clear'd their Way ſo far, ſoon became Maſters of the reſt of the City, which General Thaun enter'd with the Foot at the ſame Breach. Signior Caro, Commandant of the Place, was wounded at the Breach and taken Priſoner; and Signior Pignatelli with Signior Giudici who had taken Sanctuary in 2 ſeveral Churches, were made Priſoners likewiſe; as were alſo a great Number of Officers and Perſons of Quality beſides the Soldiery. It was very remarkable, and yet ſuitable to the good Diſcipline of the Imperial Troops, that after they had beaten down all that ſtood in their Way, they did not the leaſt hurt to any other ſort of People, whom they met in great Numbers in every Part of the City, which in inevitable Conſequence of the Action was Plunder'd, except only ſome few Houſes, whoſe Poſſeſſors making preſent Application to General Thaun obtain'd Safeguards.

'In the mean Time the Marquis de Villena [*i. e. the Duke of Eſcalona formerly Viceroy of Naples for King Philip V.*] with divers Generals, 1500 Soldiers, and a great Number of Officers, retir'd into the Caſtle: Which General Count Thaun approaching, ſent in Collonel Vehlen to demand what it was he pretended to; and the Marquis beginning to inſiſt upon military Honours and other Terms of Capitulation, the Collonel without hearing him out went back to make his Report to General Thaun: Who having reſolv'd upon ſuch an Anſwer as the Marquis deſerv'd, immediately let him know by a Meſſenger that he ſhould ſend out one of his Officers; accordingly Don Lorenzo Villa-vicente came out by his Order, and beginning a long Compliment (thought very unſeaſonable on ſuch an Occaſion) was interrupted by General Thaun, and told, that he had ſent for him to no other End than to carry back this Meſſage to Villena " that he ſhould inſtantly reſolve to ſur- " render at Mercy, or elſe he would hang him up " with all the Generals and all the reſt that were " with him in the Caſtle. Don Lorenzo offering to reply, that there were many honourable Perſons in the Place, General Thaun with Indignation anſwer'd, " that as in the Beginning of the Siege, " when he requir'd them to deliver up the City, he " had receiv'd for Anſwer, that they were all reſolv'd to a Man to defend themſelves to the laſt, " whereupon he had ſworn to take the Place no otherwiſe than by Aſſault, and had made good his " Word as they ſaw; ſo he would moſt certainly " keep his Word likewiſe in cauſing every one of " them to be hang'd up, even thoſe who thinking to " deſerve their Lives might deſert from the Caſtle. With this Anſwer Don Lorenzo Villa-vicente return'd without offering to reply; and all that were in the Caſtle forthwith ſurrendred at Diſcretion.

'In this Action all the Imperial Officers and Soldiers, as well Horſe as Foot, gave Signal Proofs of their Bravery; and the Enemy no leſs, in defending themſelves with great Valour, loſing particularly a good Number of their Men in the blowing up

up of a Bastion by one of their own Matches, whether in Desperation or by Accident I cannot determine.

'Of the Imperialists about 60 were kill'd outright, very many were wounded, and among these the General of the Horse Vaubonne with divers other Officers. Of the Enemy more than 200 were kill'd, and a great Number wounded, among the principal the Commandant (as has been said.) Such good Orders were immediately given, that not a Man of the Enemy's Partizans was known to have made his Escape either by Sea or by Land: Don Tiberio Caraffa only, went away some Days before the Assault was given, and got safe to Rome.

Hague, Nov. 8. 'Our Letters from Paris of the 4th Instant run thus.

Paris, Nov. 4. 'Those who till now could not comprehend the Tendency of the frequent Conferences not long ago held by the King with M. de Forbin, are at present put out of Doubt by the Action which M. de Forbin has newly perform'd, and of which M. de Tourouvre brought the King an Account the 2d Instant. He arriv'd just at the King's Rising, and the welcome Morning-Salute he deliver'd, gain'd him a kind Reception. He reports that M. de Forbin with a Squadron of Men of War from Brest falling in off the Lizard with an English Fleet of 140 Sail, having on board Stores, and Horses for the King of Portugal under the Convoy of 5 Men of War, he took 3 of the Convoy and has brought them into Port, having detach'd some Ships in Chace of the rest of the Fleet. The King and the whole Court are mightily elevated upon it, as being a premeditated Blow, the Execution of which they had much at Heart, because they conceiv'd it would very much affect the Portuguese in the present difficult Circumstances of their Affairs. Be that as it will, 'tis certain the King at his Table has highly extoll'd the Conduct and Diligence of M. de Forbin: And we seem to have nothing else to talk of but this Action.

In Yesterday's Courant we promis'd the Arrêt at large of the Parliament of Bezançon relating to the contested Succession of Neufchatel. We had then but cursorily look'd over the Papers which came to our Hands by the 5 Mails from Holland, and on that transient View reckon'd we had that Arrêt intire; but we since find 'tis only an Extract, which however as we have it we present to the Publick.

'An Extract of the Arrêt of the Parliament of 'Bezançon of the 22d of October, 1707.

'THe Parliament of Bezançon by their Arrêt of 'the 22d of October, at the Instance of the Attorney-General on the Subject of the Affair of Neufchatel, Ordains, that the Pretenders to the Succession shall be Summon'd before them, to see it declar'd that the County of Neufchatel with its Dependencies belongs to the King exclusively of all others, as re-united to the Crown on Account of the County of Burgundy, and because the Barony of Arlay situate in the County of Burgundy, is the Paramount Fief of the County of Neufchatel, and the former Possessors of the County of Neufchatel not having in Form and according to Usage perform'd Fealty and Homage, His Majesty may take the Advantage; the said Arrêt forbidding the Prerenders to have Recourse elsewhere than to the Parliament of Bezançon, [i. e. to the Parliament of the Franche Compte] and likewise forbidding the Governor, Council, and Judges of Neufchatel aforesaid to take any manner of Cognizance of the Disputes concerning that Succession, on the Pain of Nullity and Cassation: Which shall be signified to the Governor and Attorney-General of Neufchatel; and in the mean time the Revenues, Rights, and Emoluments shall be Sequestred into the King's Hands, and the Profits arising therefrom carry'd into the Royal Treasury.

AT the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, this present Thursday, being the 6th of November, will be presented a Comedy call'd, The Squire of Alsatia. The Part of Sir Wm Belfond to be perform'd by Mr. Pinkethman, and the Part of the Squire by a Gentleman who has not Acted on this Stage since the going off of the Actors to the Hay Market. With Singing and Entertainments of Dancing by Monsieur Leguard and Miss Norris his Scholar.

At the Desire of several Persons of Quality, By her Majesty's Company of Comedians.

AT the Queen's Theatre in the Hay-Market, this present Thursday, being the 6th of November, will be reviv'd, The Maids Tragedy. The Part of the King to be perform'd by Mr. Mills, Amyntor by Mr. Wilks, Diphilus by Mr Keene, Cleanax by Mr. Norris, Evadne by Mrs. Barry, Aspatia by Mrs. Rogers. And the part of Melantius by Mr. Betterton.

These Plays are Sold by J. Knapton at the Crown in St. Paul's Church-yard, and B. Lintott next Nando's Coffee-House, Temple-Bar.

John Lovelace, an Apprentice to Mr. J. Venn a Chimney-Sweeper living in the Park in Southwark, being about the Age of 15 Years, Ran away on Monday last, being the 3d of this Instant November, having fresh colour short sandy Hair, a Sheeps-Leather Doublet patcht at the Elbows, and a large patch at the Back of Buff Leather; also a Pair of Sheepskin Britches patcht at the Knees, and a large patch in the Seat of Buff also. These are therefore to forewarn all Persons that they do not entertain him at their Peril, and whoever secures him and brings him to his Master aforesaid, shall be rewarded for his or their pains.

Dropt on Saturday last the 1st Instant, a Letter Case between St. Thomas Apostles and the Minories, on the inside of which was writ Humphry Poddy at Mr. Geo. Langworth's against the Black Lyon in St. Thomas Apostles, in which was several Bills and Notes of no use but to the Owner, Payments being stopt. Whoever brings the said Case and Notes to the said Mr. Langworth's, shall have 10 s. Reward. One of the Bills was for 7 l. 17 s. of Atwell's Hand, dated Octob 17 1707. payable to Geo. Lanworth, if offer'd in Payment you are desired to stop it.

On Monday next, being the 10th Instant, at 6 in the Evening, will begin without fail the Course of Pneumatical and Hydrostatical Experiments, at Mr. Haukabee's in Wine-Office-Court, Fleetstreet, and be continu'd every Thursday and Monday following till finish'd. Subscriptions are there taken in, and Catalogues of the Experiments given; as also at Mr. Smith's at the Bible under the Royal Exchange, Cornhill.

This Day the 6th of November 1707, will be Expos'd to Sale at Lloyd's Coffee-house in Lombard-street, beginning at 4 of the Clock in the Afternoon precisely, 40 Hogsheads of new French Clarets, and 38 Pipes and 1 Hogshead of Red Wine. The French Wine to be seen in a Cellar in Galley-Key Gate-way, and the Red Wine in a Vault at the Lower-end of Tower-street against the Bull-Head Tavern, till the time of Sale, from 8 to 12, and from 2 till 6. The same day, at the same Place and Time, will be Sold 27 Pipes of new Galicia Wine, an entire Parcel. To be seen in a Cellar in Mark-Lane under a Barbers, the same Days and Hours as the aforemention'd. All Sold by JOHN STYLES, Sworn Broker.

A Catalogue of Choice English Books in all Faculties, neatly Bound, many of them gilt on the Back, being part of a Library of a Gentleman lately decea'd; which will continue be Sold by Auction at Mr. Grigsby's Coffee-house in Threadneedle-street behind the Royal Exchange, this Day the 6th of this Instant November 1707, from 4 till 9 in the Evening, and will be continued daily till all are Sold. By Robert Terry, Bookseller. Catalogues given at Mr. Baker's in Mercer's-Chappel, Mr. Harrison's at the Corner of Castle-Alley in Cornhill, Booksellers; and at the Place of Sale.

At the Black-Boy Coffee-House in Avy-Mary-Lane, this present Thursday at 4 in the Afternoon, will be Sold the French, Spanish, Italian, &c. with the remainder of the Greek and Latin, the Stock of Mr. Walter Kettilby. And on Monday will begin the English part of the said Stock. Catalogues of which may be had at the Place of Sale.

The Queen's-Head Tavern at Temple-Bar, being an old-accustom'd House, with extraordinary kind Vaults and Cellars, well repair'd and fitted up, and is very well seated for a good Trade, the Street Door fronting the Middle-Temple-gate, and a Thorough-fair into Bell-yard and Lincolns-Inn-Fields, is to be Let. Inquire at the Hosier's next door to the said House, or at N°. 1. in Castle-Court Budge-Row.

If any Gentleman wants a very fine Pair of young Stone-Horses, with long Tails, good Blacks, 15 Hands high, and well mark'd, they may be inform'd of such at Mr. Grove's a Barber, or at the Red-Hart-Inn in Fetter-Lane.

A Widdow (who is an Executrix) hath a Parcel of Woollen Cloath to dispose of at the 7 Stars in Harvey Court against the New Exchange in the Strand, and will sell Superfine Men's and Women's Black Cloath at 13 s. 6 d. per Yard, fine Scarlet at 15 s. 6 d. and Superfine Scarlet at 17 s. 6 d. Likewise Blews, Blacks and other Sorts and Colours proportionable, the Price being fixt upon each Piece. Attendance will be given till all sold.

The Mannor of Hambledon near Godalming in Surrey, with the Capital Messuage of Busbridge, and the Coach-houses, Stables and Fish-Ponds thereunto belonging, and the Demesne Lands, and other Lands and Farms of 900 l. per Annum and upwards, and the Timber and Underwoods, and the Advowson of the Church of Hambledon, are to be Sold. Inquire of Mr. Close at his Chambers in Furnivals-Inn.

The True Golden-Snuff against most Diseases affecting the Brain, Eyes, or Ears, experienc'd for many Years, being in great Use in London and Country, and so generally approv'd that there is no need to enlarge further on its Vertues and Qualities; now to be had at John's Coffee-house in Swithings-Alley near the Royal Exchange, at Mr. Orbon's at the Rose and Crown under St. Dunstan's Church in Fleetstreet Toyshop, and by the Author at the Green Ballcony in Durham-yard in the Strand London, at 1 s. a Paper, Seal'd up with directions, (with good Allowance to all Persons that shall be willing to dispose of any, applying themselves to the Author aforesaid,) and to distinguish it from all Counterfeits each Paper hath an Elephant stamp'd upon it, with a Latin Inscription round it. N. B. At John's Coffee-House aforesaid are likewise to be had the true Original Strops for setting Razors, Penknives, &c. at 1 s. each with Directions.

There is now in the Press, and will speedily be publish'd,

The Voyage and Adventures of Francis Leguat and his Companion in Two Desert Islands of the East-Indies; with a Relation of the most Remarkable Matters observ'd by them on the Isle Maurice, at Batavia, the Cape of Good Hope, the Island of St. Helena; and other Parts belonging to the Dutch and English East-India Companys. The whole Illustrated with many curious Cuts and Figures. Translated into English. Printed for W. Freeman, M. Wotton, R. Bonwick, J. Nicholson, and R. Smith.

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